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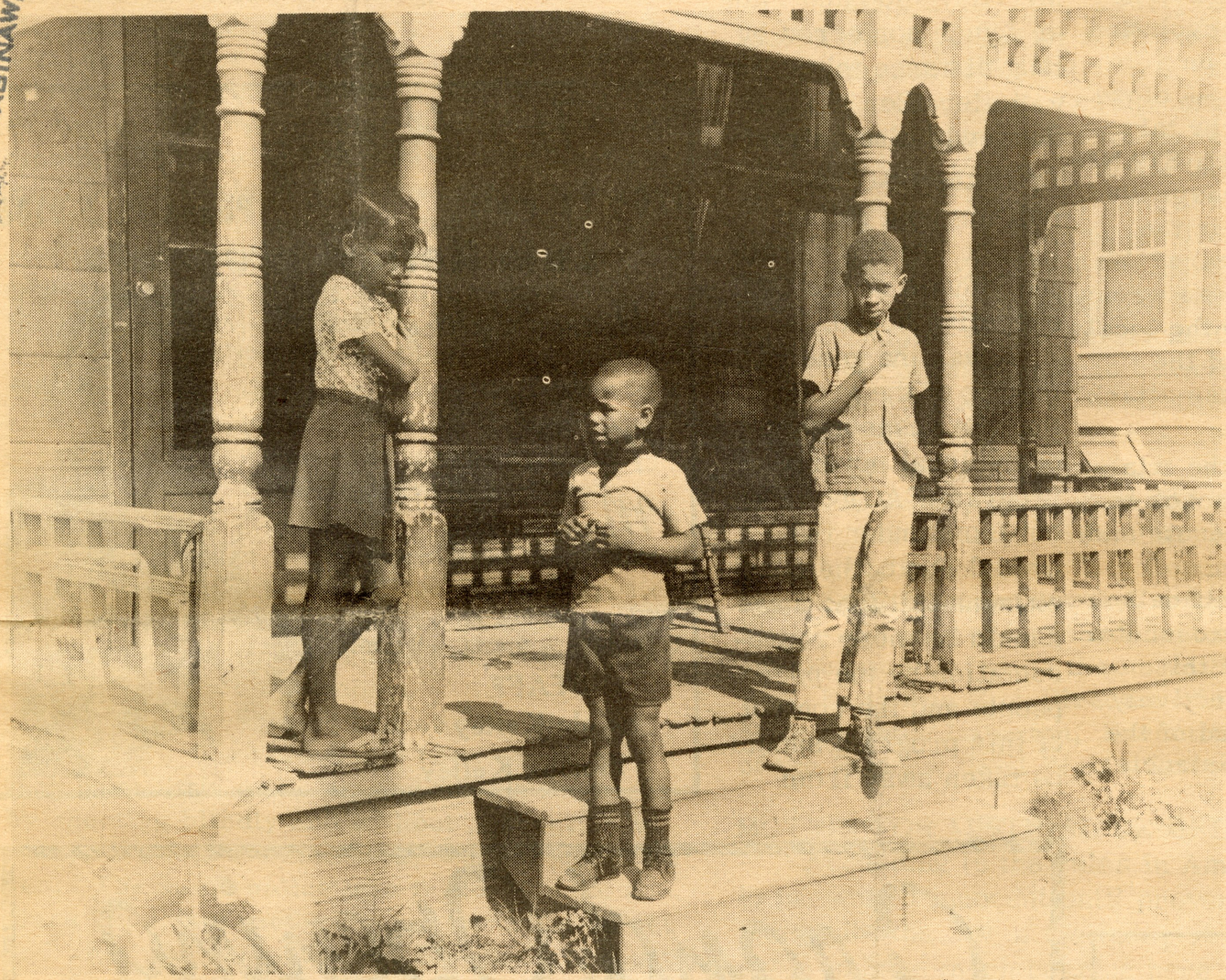

JUSTICE FOR BLACK PEOPLE IN SAGINAW WAS EXPLOITED AGAIN WHEN SAGINAW POLICE WERE EXCUSED FOR SHOOTING UP THE HOME OF THESE THREE YOUNGSTERS, EVEN THOUGH THEIR MOTHER AND SIX OTHER BROTHERS AND SISTERS WERE INSIDE WITH OTHER UNARMED BLACK MEN AND WOMEN---

THE POLICE FIRED BLINDLY INTO THE HOUSE ON JULY 25th, SERIOUSLY WOUNDING EIGHT UNARMED BLACK CITIZENS. YET THE SADISTIC POLICE OFFICERS ACTIONS WERE EXONERATED DURING COURT PROCEEDINGS WHEN THE UNARMED VICTIMS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF SHOOTING AT POLICE ON THE TESTIMONY OF THE SAME MEN IN BLUE WHO PULLED THE TRIGGERS.

WHY MORE UNARMED BLACK PEOPLE INCLUDING MEN, WOMEN AND SMALL CHILDREN WERE NOT SERIOUSLY WOUNDED OR KILLED IS A MIRACLE. BULLET HOLES IN THIS WALL WERE TYPICAL OF THE CONDITION OF THE ENTIRE HOUSE AFTER POLICE FINISHED THEIR MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE ON BLACK PEOPLE BY FIRING AT WILL WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF OTHERS.

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INSIDE STORIES

POINTS TO PONDER

It seems that the Frontiers Club havn't yet recognized the fact there is another newspaper in existence here. Is it that they feel that we at "AFRO" haven't yet qualified to break bread with the chosen few?

In the current trials of police rioters, donations for the legal defense fund have been received from different sources, but none has come from the NAACP, the association whose objective is to provide legal defense for individuals involved in civil rights cases. It seems they are always caught looking the other way.

Heningburg made some beautiful statements, Sunday nite , one of which was "The black men and women who expound revolution are ready to die" -- "we are sitting on a powder keg and we have two choices -- close your eyes and wait for it to go away or take a stand and encourage others to take a STAND

When the verdict of "guilty as charged" was read by the foreman of the jury in the riot cases, why did she break into tears? Was she doing something she really felt was wrong

Black political power, applied to the local government level, is obviously one of the means by which black communities can attack problems and protect their interests.

At each 15 minute break during the trials, the six jurors could be found in the snack bar, along with the prosecutor, the defendants and the spectators.

The 6 defendants were tried specifically for assault and battery. After the prosecutor could not prove any of them guilty of this charge, they were all convicted collectively on the riot charge, solely on the word of the police. Despite the serveral inconsistencies in their testimonies.

CONCERNED BLACK CITIZENS RALLY TO SAVE CAC FOR POOR

On Sunday evening, Nov. 12, over 50 concerned Black citizens met at St.Rita's Center to find out the facts behind recent CAC controversy and united in a combined effort to save the program for the poor people of Saginaw.

During the meeting Mr. Reynolds and Father Lynch conferred by long distance telephone with Rev. Ben E. Cox, the newly hired director of the CAC who quit his post rather than be used by certain individuals on the CAC executive board.

It was the general feeling of the group that the sponsorship of the local poverty program(CAC)be taken out from under the United Fund. The Black citizens felt that there should be more representation by the poor people and the control of this program should be taken away from those "few" individuals who always block progress and prevent the poor people from benefitting from the program

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EDITORIALS

TO INFORM AND INVOLVE"

TYRANNY UNMASKED

The white man!! How much of his mess does he think we can take? Today, we the black people of Saginaw, learned his answer--just as much as we will take. It's gotten so good to him that he's not even trying to cover up anymore.

Today, November 14, 1967, he gave us a gut-twisting revelation! Without one teensy bit of tangible evidence, he convicted six of our black brothers of rioting, unlawful assembly, and assault and battery. This was done without evidence showing that anyone other than our brothers had been assaulted, without evidence that anyone other than the police had rioted. Worst of all, it was done without regard to our basic rights as a free people.

They were convicted of rioting when no riot was declared by any authorized official, with unlawful assembly when a number of those involved were, infact, in their own home and the others were there by permission of those who lived there. They were convicted of assault and battery even though the prosecution didn't produce any tangible evidence to show any policemen had been assaulted.

The facts presented in defense of the brothers by the Honorable Milton R. Henry, did not make any difference although they were supported by over 20 articles of evidence and an eye witness's testimony.

All the prosecution had was the word of the police. The police who have shown that they have little or no regard for black people by shooting blindly and without descretion in to a house full of black men, women and children. The same police who tryed to make a black expectant mother lay down in the street and when she refused, they told her to "squat'

They justified all of their brutal and savage actions by claiming that someone fired at them from the house. Yet, no gun was produced. They said they were stoned by bricks, bottles, and other things. Yet they showed no evidence of any injuries to any one of them. They said several police cars were damaged, yet there was no evicence of a damaged police car.

The prosecutor ranted and raved some nonsense about law and order--Law and order How can they expect us to accept law and order where there is no JUSTICE? It' simple! We have no right to expect justice when we allow them to shoot up our homes, shoot up our women and children, and we do nothing!

Justice is for men! Respect is for men! and what men could let this happen to their women and children and not react?

By this bold and flagrant abortion of justice, the white power structure has completely unmasked itself before the entire black community. The essential identity between northern police and judges, and southerners like Bull Connors and Wallaces is now clear. Genocidal extermination of all blacks in America as of the Jews in Germany, no longer seems so unrealistic.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS FOR GOD"S SAKE!
LET'S GET OURSELVES TOGETHER!!!!
UNITE NOW, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!!!!

MOVIE ON "WATTS" TO BE SHOWN HERE

"Johnny Gigs Out", a forty-five minute lifetime of experience, a movie of the people of Watts, made in Watts by a group of young Negroes, using rented equipment, with little money, and little professional help, and "Violence and Upheaval in the Cities: What is the Answer?", a talk by Rev. Fr. Paul Harbrecht, S. J., Dean of the Law School of the University of Detroit, will highlight the open meeting, sponsored by the Saginaw Valley Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, to be held at the Emmanuel St. Mark's United Church of Christ, 924 Lapeer, Saginaw, at 8:00 PM Sunday evening, November 19, according to Frank Walsh, vice-chairman of the chapter for Saginaw County. Rev. Harbrecht will be introduced by Saginaw City Councilman and attorney Robert L. Loucks, a member of the Board of Directors of the Chapter. Other speakers on the same theme will include Rev. Benjamin Cox, Director of the CAC, and Miss Dorothy Hampton, Executive Director of the Saginaw Civil Rights Commission.

MOTION FOR MISTRIAL DENIED BY JUDGE

According to the rules in America a man is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Although its the law of the land, it does' not seem to have much bearing here in Saginaw.

In his opening statements, during Mondays trial, prosecutor Currie referred to the defendants as criminals. Judge McDonald sustained the objection raised by the defense attorney, the Honorable Milton R. Henry.

Again later on in the trials, Currie made mention of a presumption of guilt. This time he was interupted by the judge, who apoligised for him. Even later, he again went astray of prudence. This time he was halted by the defense attorney, Mr. Henry, who at this point entered a motion for a mistrial. The motion was denied by Judge McDonald. At another point, it was necessary for Mr. Henry to threaten a motion for mistrial, on the grounds of poor conduct on the part of Currie.

In his closing statements to the jurors, Curie said, in reference to the shooting into the private home by the policemen, that it is the only ways
the only way. Can you imagine that? The only way? What ever happened to tear gas? Or is that only used for the West Side?

Attorney Henry, who has practiced law across the nation, addressing the bench, said he had never before witnessed courtroom procedures carried out in such a manner.

He said he would appeal to the highest court.

COMING SOON

The VANGUARDS will conduct a march and rally for BLACK UNITY under Black leadership to overcome the many problems that exist daily in the Black Community.

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Down Front

This section is for the sound of soul in anyway as long as it is printable, readable and for the interest and information of our community.

ENSLAVED

Oh when I think of my
long suffering race,
For weary centuries
despised, oppressed,
Enslaved and lynched,
denied a human place
In the great life line of
the Christian West;
And in the Black Land
disinherited,
Robbed in the ancient
country of its birth,
My heart grows sick
with hate, becomes as
lead,
For this my race that
has no home on earth.
Then from the dark
depths of my soul I cry
To the avenging angel
to consume
The white man's world
of wonders utterly;
Let it be swallowed up
in earth's vast womb,
Or upward roll as
sacrificial smoke
To liberate My People
from its yoke!

Claude McKay

TURN NOT ON ME

Turn not on me;
In your antipathy to-
ward those who raped
your sisters and
lynched your brothers,
Hold not me
In liability for the vile
excess of others.
I am but one man;
Not to be judged by
those who your rights
begrudged.
And though my hands
reek not with blame,
Low hangs my head in
grief and shame.

A White Man

There will be another open-meeting this Sunday Nov. 19, 1967 at 4:p.m. in the St. Rita Center--2302 Narloch ALL CONCERNED CITIZENS are urged to attend.

JUSTICE IN SAGINAW FOR BLACK PEOPLE SAME AS SLAVE ERA

100 years ago, local government would not grant protection to: minority groups, persons it disliked or feared. Yet these are the people who most need the protection of law, because they did not have the wealth, the education, the family connections, or any of the other intangible assets which safeguard the rights of so many against encroachment. State and local laws allowed White people to do what they had always done, because victims were only BLACK people. The will of the white community was reinforced by the heavy hand of Death, False Arrests, the Inequality of Public Services, Restrictions of the Black Earning Power, the Controlling of BLACK LIVES by Irresponsible Private Power and Arbitrary Police Authority and INFERIOR EDUCATION.

Black people lived in squalid homes because they were not allowed to live elsewhere. Black people had to be beaten down for the survival of Slavery in a land dedicated to FREEDOM!! They were beaten, hanged, burned mutilated, and tortured. This was the era of Lynchings! The same old formula--the same old method--the same old objective was exhibited here in SAGINAW. When the city of Saginaw falsely charged 41 BLACK people with riotous and disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly. These charges stemmed from the incident of last July 25th, when police herded them into a house at 6th and Lapeer Sts.; and then fired blindly into the house without regard for a black mother and her nine children and other unarmed black women and men inside the walls of their home Even though a thorough search by police failed to turn up weapons of any kind, the wounded and those who escaped death or injury were charged with firing guns and throwing bricks at police.

As in the cases of innocent black men and women who were Lynched---the objective was to beat Black people down by FEAR. Many of the victims were framed by WHITE WOMEN to cover their own indiscretions. The TRIALS of slaves in earlier days quickly prevented any evidence being established, any testimony being presented, and any possibility of ACQUITTAL--as was evident in hearings and trials in Saginaw this past week of the Black riot victims. HATRED has smothered the Law, and this was the controlling factor.

Despite the pleadings of the Afro-Herald and the United Power Legal Defense Fund, the Black people of Saginaw are content to do nothing!! It is difficult to say who is most guilty--the Ignorant and Depraved officials who are allowed to perpetrate such crimes against Black people, or THOSE who know the enormity of these same trumped up offenses--but do NOTHING to prevent them from occurring time and time again, year afteryear here in Saginaw....

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!!!

The City of Saginaw has falsely charged 41 of our Black Brothers and Sisters of riotous and disorderly conduct. These charges stem from the incident of last July in which police corraled them all into a house at 6th and Lapeer and then fired blindly into the sides of the house, giving no regard to the fact that a mother and her nine children and other women were within the walls of their home at the time.

After a very thorough search failed to turn up a weapon, among the victims, the wounded were separated from the unwounded who were then carted off to jail to face further persecution at the hands of the blood-thirsty police.

We were successful in getting them released on bail, but at present we have not been able to obtain lawyers to represent all of them.

We need your help now. We cannot let the man get away with such violent and flagrant abuse of our lives and rights as human beings.

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COMMUNITY IN ACTION

BACKSTAGE WITH JIMMY RUFFIN, Who was featured last Saturday in "Club 21"s "MO-TOWN REVUE" at the Saginaw Auditorium. This dynamic young singer relaxes here inside his dressing room after his arrival from Baltimore, Md.

BLACK and BEAUTIFUL "Chateau Club" members pose for the "Afro".

"NO SKINNY LEGS HERE"! As lovely "Club 21" Wives: Mrs. Herman Scott, Mrs. Joe Winchester, Mrs. Wardell Henderson, and Mrs. James Mason display shapely limbs.

FLINT "SOUL SISTERS" who came down for "Club 21" dance and show with "Brother Willie" are: "Sweetpea", Yvonne, and "B-B".

"THE SPINNERS"! One of the top recording groups in the country, gave a fantastic performance during "Club 21"s "Mo-Town Revue". Shown here are three members of the group: PERVIS JACKSON, BILLY HENDERSON, and HENRY FAMBROUGH with back to camera. Other members not pictured are: Bobby Smith and George Cameron.

SOUL SISTERS!!!!!!!
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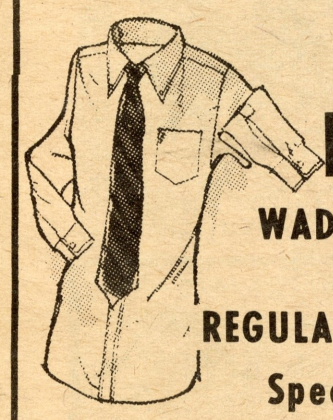

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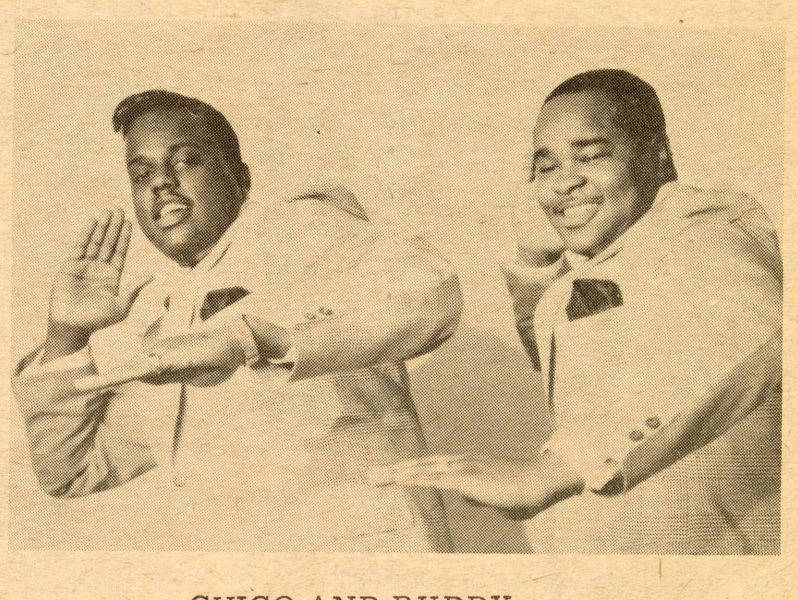
POPULAR LOCAL BEAUTICIAN TO BE WED THIS WEEKEND

Lula Kelley, popular beautician, will celebrate her wedding to Tim Foster with a reception at the CIO Hall, Sunday Nov. 19, from 6 to 9 pm. The AFRO extends it"s sincere Congratulation to the new couple.

BRIDAL SHOWER FOR DAUGHTER OF LOCAI CLERGYMAN.

A bridal shower will be given for Peggy Beatty, Saturday, Nov 18th, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Etta Burns, 560 S. 17th St., Peggy, daughter of the Rev. Calvin Beatty will be married Dec. 2 The shower is set for 7 to 10 PM.

TENNESSEE'S (nothing but soul) HOTLINE
BY: BILL BETTIS



CHICO AND BUDDY

"What's happening soul?" This week I would like to "hip" you to two of the most exciting personalities in the business, Chico and Buddy.

Chico is a native of the Virgin Islands and was once part of a trio with Spyder Turner.

Buddy, who is a native of Detroit, had a group while in the armed forces, stationed in Germany. Chico and Buddy have just recently recorded and are expecting both sides to be hits after being released. The name of the releases are, "I Just Want to Tell You", and "You Want My Girl".

When asked what they dug the most, the dynamic duo answered;"We love soul sisters, because the blacker the berry , the sweeter the juice, because "black is beautiful".

Chico and Buddy as well as having great singing ability, have a number of side-splitting routines they go through, which are executed with great depth and precision on behalf of the two.

They recently completed a two week appearance at the Cabana Lounge here in Saginaw and will appear in San Juan on December 9th. Later on Soul.

"Tennessee"
Wm A. Bettis III

TOP TEN

1. I Heard it Through the Grapevine ..... Gladys Knight & The Pips
2. On a Saturday Night..... Eddie Floyd
3. A Love That Is Real..... Intruders
4. Get It Together Pt. 2.... James Brown
5. Soul Man..... Sam & Dave
6. A Natural Woman;..... Aretha Franklin
7. Sockin 1-2-3-4..... John Roberts
8. Boo-ga-loo Down Broadway.. Johnny C
9. Pata Pata..... Mariam Makeba
10. Its You That I Need..... Temptations

SOUL SOUND OF THE WEEK
I Second that Emotion..... Miracles

CHURCH NEWS....
By:Brother Dave Beatty

DON'T MISS !! the MUSICAL REVIVAL which will be presented Sun. Nov.19, at 3:30 p.m., by the Senior Usher Bd. of Truevine Baptist Church, 2930 Janes. Featuring great gospel singing groups.

LEARN, BABY, LEARN